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Record of Decision Reached on FUSRAP Luckey Site

BUFFALO, NY - (12/1/06) - The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (the Corps) is pleased to announce that it has signed the Record of Decision (ROD) for contaminated soils at the Luckey Site. This Record of Decision documents the Selected Remedy for cleanup of contaminated soils at the site, which was selected from the remediation alternatives put forth in the Proposed Plan issued in June 2003. The Record of Decision (ROD) for the Soils Operable Unit of the Luckey Site responds to all of the public comments received on the Proposed Plan and officially documents the final selected cleanup remedy for contaminated soils. A separate ROD for the Groundwater Operable Unit is scheduled to be completed by the Corps in 2007.

In accordance with the Selected Remedy (listed as Alternative 5 in the Proposed Plan), the Corps, when funded, plans to remove soil at the site contaminated with FUSRAP constituents of concern, and dispose of it in an appropriate permitted/licensed disposal facility. This alternative is considered to be most protective in the long-term, because all of the soils with FUSRAP contamination above the set cleanup goals will be permanently removed from the site. The Selected Remedy is protective of human health and the environment, complies with Federal and State requirements that are applicable or relevant and appropriate to the remedial action, and is cost effective.

Between 1949 and 1958, the Luckey Site was operated as a beryllium production facility by the Brush Beryllium Company (later Brush Wellman) under contract to the Atomic Energy Commission (AEC). During operations, on-site lagoons and disposal trenches were used to dispose of waste materials from beryllium production. In 1951, the site received approximately 1,000 tons of radioactively contaminated scrap steel, to be used in proposed magnesium production at the site.

The Luckey Soils Operable Unit ROD is available for viewing in the Administrative Record File at the Luckey Public Library, 228 Main Street, Luckey, Ohio; at the Corps of Engineers Buffalo District Office, 1776 Niagara Street, Buffalo, New York; and on the Buffalo District website at: <http://www.lrb.usace.army.mil/fusrap/luckey>.

The Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program (FUSRAP) was created to identify, investigate and cleanup or control sites throughout the United States that were contaminated by activities conducted by the Manhattan Engineer District (MED) or the Atomic Energy Commission (AEC) as part of the Nation's early atomic weapons and energy programs. The Corps' execution of FUSRAP follows the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA).

For more information, visit <http://www.lrb.usace.army.mil/fusrap> or call (800) 833-6390.

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